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Wares in the Ghetto.

From the New York Globe.

A stranger strolling through the densely populated east side on a round of sightseeing is often attracted by the queer wares displayed in the little shops of the Ghetto. If he is sufficiently interested to cross the well-worn sill the patriarchal BIG LOCOMOTIVE HAD A HEART. proprietor in a black skull cap will bend over the smoky showcase and tell the history of the curious articles and the countries they came from. He will show odd little jugs of wine and brandy from Pales-If you taste either you will find it Then he will rummage about in the showcase and bring out oddly shaped figures carved from wood that grew on the Mount of Olives.

Reaching up to a musty shelf the old shopkeeper pulls down a stack of books that are covered with dust and cobwets. These are albums containing pressed flowers and leaves from the Holy Land. Each has the name and the point it came from printed under it. Quite an itneresting souvenir of the Holy Land-or, rather, to

While you are examining berries from the cedars of Lebanon the old man is calling your attention to delicious dates from the Sahara. These are packed in tiny oval boxes, somewhat similar to Syrian figs, and bound around with the fibers of an Asiatic plant. They look more suitable as curlosities than for eating; but the old shopkeeper assures you they have an excellent flavor, and advises you to buy a box. He also displays an assortment of odd-looking cakes with fruit in them, and boxes of unfamiliar nuts and candles. Without contesting his word you turn to the bric-a-brac, which he says also came from Jerusalem. There are ancient looking plates and cups decorated with canceled

postage stamps from Egypt and other east-ern countries; rocks and shells from the Mediterranean and Dead seas, and pottery so old that you suspect one of the red jugs may have been the original in which Rebecca brought water from the well. Photographs and pictoral post cards are scattered over the showcases in great assortment. When he has wrapped up your pur-chases and invited you to call again the shopkeeper goes out and sits on his door-step with stolid indifference to the nerveracking noises about him. He is dreaming, perhaps, of the far-away Palestine and the



men about him will. Above everything else, an upper classman hates a freshman who appears to know it all or is inquisitive; many a freshman has spoiled his chances of becoming a fraternity man by showing one or the other of these qualities at the beginning of his college career.

called upon to vote on the question of for-

A Greek letter fraternity, by the way, is

an organization for college students some-

what on the lines of the Masonic and sim-

ilar bodies. It has chapters in different col-

leges. These chapters are all accountable

to a supreme governing body, and in some fraternities with large chapter rolls the

country is divided into districts, the chap-ters in each district being looked after by a

district head, who works under the direc-tion of the general governing body. With

one or two exceptions a Greek letter fra-ternity is a secret body; it has a ritual and

prescribed form of initiation, and its ex-

pressed and fundamental purpose is the pro-

motion of friendships in college that will last through life. There is nothing Greek

Alphi Phi among the women's sororities, or,

as they are more commonly called, the

Rushing Due to Rivalry.

Rushing is a direct result of the intense

rivalry for members existing among the va-

rious chapters of several fraternities at any

given college. The membership of every chapter is depleted at the end of each suc-

the chapters and found wanting; how else can the ranks be recruited than among the

The work of recruiting-rushing, if you

of the students live in dormitories or houses

A few days before the date set for the

In the meantime, the new classmen ar-

rive in ever-increasing numbers, the other

members of the "frat" show up, and as the new men get off the train they are effu-

sively greeted by sophomores and juniors,

and even seniors, forgetful of their new dignity in their enthusiasm for their be-loved "frat." The freshmen are tenderly

and solicitously conducted to the college.

rooms, aided in the puzzling task of mak-

ing up their programs of study, introduced

to the brothers of their guides, of course, and, if the college happens to be co-educa-

tional, they meet certain young women who

How It Affects the Freshman.

Naturally, all these initial attentions, all

entirely unexpected, make the average

freshman's head swim and fill him with

deep wonder at his sudden popularity-of-

ten he is as innocent as a lamb about fra-

ternity matters, possibly never having

heard them casually mentioned even. The

only freshmen who have such knowledge

are those from the larger preparatory schools, and they are few compared with

their classmen direct from high school. But what must be the state of the fresh-

man's mind, when, say a week after the opening of the term, he begins to be the

recipient of numerous invitations to "feeds"

for an afternoon of pleasure in the city; is

hauled from his books to spend a social

evening in the company of a college "wid-

mistaken when he secretly attributed it to

later he finds himself an honored guest in the headquarters of another set of fellows;

but if he is discreet he will hold his tongue

and keep his head and let further light

Wouldn't Haul Away a Train Until

Promised Something Better.

The boys at the roundhouse don't know

yet what was the matter with No. 804.

more's explanation that the big engine's

heart was almost broken, but the under-

current of sentiment is that there is some-

thing in it and that No. 804 at least was a

Little No. 1.761 had been suffering from

a chronic hot box on the rear right wheel

of the pony truck. Several times No. 1,761

had barely but gamely pulled through with

the Aurora way train. She got in shrieking

and smoking from the injured bearing.

New brasses hadn't cured the ailment, and when No. 1,761's stall in the roundhouse

was empty all the other engines knew she had been sent to the shop.

It was a severe shock that No. 804 re-ceived when she heard the roundhouse boss

tell the head hostler to fire her up Tues-

day morning to take the Aurora way train

big engine of the 800 class, six-wheeled con

It was a terrible indignity, for No. 804 is a

nections, designed for the fast through passenger runs, and capable of slipping off

seventy miles an hour with six Pullmans,

a baggage and mail car. She kept quiet when the cordwood was piled onto the cold

firebox, but as she thought it over half an hour later, sputtered viciously from the

loose packing on the air pump, and when Tom Selfridge gave her a hint of better

"Hanged if I go, hanged if I go," she snorted as Selfridge tested the steam on

the brake pump, but she responded through force of habit when the links were heaved

up and the throttle was opened a notch, and she backed out to the turntable and

bled like a surly sailor.

Some are inclined to scoff at "Billy" Wet-

From the Chicago Chronicle.

in the rooms of upper classmen; is made

are sub rosa allies of their sponsors.

freshmen of the ensuing year?

explaining the points

in their new quarters.

mally extending an invitation to him to be

come a fraternity brother.

A Game That Has No Let Up.

Day and night the rushing keeps up; there is no let up. Just about the time the freshman gets buried in his lessons of the merrow some one knocks on his door and in walks an upper classman who is affability itself for the better part of the evening, and before bidding the host good night offers to take him the following afternoon to the practice game of foot ball with the university team of the city and point out the famous athletes and introduce him to some

about it except the name, always a combi-nation of two or more of the letters of the At first, the net is cast for every freshman, that all may be studied and no poten-Greek alphabet—thus, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon, Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, "frat" material be permitted to escape. Gradually, however, as the rushing progamong the men's fraternities, and Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and resses, this or that freshman is dropped for good and sufficient reasons—some of them would appear highly absurd to the workaday world-and all efforts are concentrated on those remaining under observation. Perhaps while these are in the process of being winnowed a dozen of a "frats" from the city just happen to drop out to college for a day in the bosom of their alma mater. Incidentally of course, the freshmen meet the "grads" at "frat" headquarters, are warmly greeted by the latter and are told confidentially by the upceeding college year by the graduation of per classmen about the marvelous record in athletics of each "grad" and his present seniors and the dropping out of others; high standing in his community.

those students not already members have been weighed in the respective balances of So it goes, day in and day out-a heartbreaking struggle, with every fraternity man constantly on the qui vive, for he knows that many of the men his "frat" are rushing are also being rushed with equal please—is gone about systematically. Take, for example, a college located a short disfervor by a rival "frat" or two, and it's sin.ply a case of straining every nerve to tance from a city and where the large body secure even a partial victory.

How the Girls' "Frats" Rush.

In that college or university where the formal opening of the new term two or more of the members of a fraternity will dormitory system has no place the freshmen are picked up in the class room, in arrive at the college, look over the regis-trar's list of new students, jot down the the gymnasium and on the athletic field, names of those that attract their interest-names that have been associated with the and their boarding houses and homes, if they happen to live near by, are haunted college since its founding, perhaps—and ask sly questions about their owners of the day and night by the rushers. As in the college with the dormitory system, no stone is left unturned to capture the availregistrar or any of the professors who hap-pen to be about. After that, they proceed

able fraternity material. to look up any early birds that may have dropped in and to make themselves agree-Among the girl "frats" the rushing is every bit as strenuous as that of the young able, showing the newcomers the college, men. One of the chief methods of femi-nine "frat" rushing is to give a series of tively assisting them in becoming located dances for the "freshies," at which they meet young men who are instructed to develop opportunities to speak kind words for the "frat" into the ears of the guests, and otherwise endeavor to impress them with the idea that there's only one worth belonging to, and so on, ad infini-

Similar methods of talking "frat" to the freshmen are sometimes employed in order to get around the faculty restriction some-Everything possible is done to make them times put on active fraternity members feel at home—they are introduced to the registrar and the president, piloted to their not to talk "frat" directly to freshmen until a certain day. Alumni members are asked to do the talking, and in some cases are altogether too willing to assist in circumventing the authorities. But it should be stated that when "frat" men or women are under restriction not to talk "frat" to freshmen until a certain time, they generally obey the rule in spirit as well as in

Pledge Day-The Climax.

Like everything else material, the rushing season must come to an end sooner or later, and in many colleges that event occurs with the arrival of what is generally known as "pledge day," and in some colleges as "spike day," this being a distinctively western term.

"Pledge day" is sometimes agreed upon various interested fraternities themselves; more often it is required of them by the college authorities. In either case every "frat" member is bound by nonor not to extend an invitation of any sort to a freshman to become a member of his fraternity before the arrival of the day set aside for that particular purpose —"pledge" or "spike" day. It's all right to dine a freshman and to show him a one of a party of freshmen taken by them ow," whose home is in college town; and receives on all sides the most sympathetic good time, and to help him with his new studies, and to coach him in gymnastics. advice and help in his efforts to develop himself into a foot ball star for the glory and to seek his company a large part of of his alma mater?
Perhaps, by the time that he has been fellow, and otherwise to permeate him with the feeling that you'd like mighty taken to a chapter's headquarters—a house, or a suite of rooms furnished in approved college-boy style in some public building of the town—he begins to realize dimly what all the fuss is about—that he was sadly all the fuss is all well to have him for a fraternity brother -but as for even hinting such a thing by word of mouth, that is strictly under the ban! Of course, there come times when some over-zealous "frat" man commits this well-nigh unpardonable sin, but be it his innate ability to please generally and said to the credit of the large body of mightily. He certainly does grasp the sit-uation, in part at least, when a day or so fraternity men where pledge day is in vogue that such breaches of faith and nonor are rare indeed. The theory of pledge day is that it less-ens the intensity of the struggle among the various "frats" for possession of the

> known to locomotive engines, was conscious of what was going on, and shut down with a grip on the throttle valve so that Selfridge could scarcely move it. Then she sulked hard, and when called upon to start to the main track with her insignificant load of three empty passenger coaches and a combination baggage, balked and wouldn't turn a wheel. She held her steam gauge at 80, refusing to let it budge a point, and with a spiteful splitting from the cylinder cock on the engineer's side intimated as plainly as an angry cat or an

> equally angry type 800 locomotive could indicate that she was on strike. Billy Wetmore shook the grates, raked off the suspicion of a forming arch in the firebox and scattered a couple of scoops of coal artistically and coaxingly over the fire, blazing up fiercely under the forced draught. Reluctantly No. 804 responded. slowly picked up the train and started for

the main track again.

A puffy little switch engine, dirty, greasy, and about as high in the stack as 8048 injector valve, ran down, and, laughing in its pop valve, coupled on and started the train out of the yard with a hoarse "Come, come, come, come!" that even No. 804 couldn't resist. But no sooner was the switch engine out of sight than No. 804 balked again, and all through the twentyfive miles to Western avenue took fits and starts, now absolutely refusing to pull a

ton, and then making a shying, skittish run for another station. "What's the matter?" asked the assistant master mechanic at the round house, at Western avenue, as the train pulled in al-It wouldn't do to repeat all Selfridge said, but the gist of it was that he didn't know; that No. 804's flues were tight as

ne could see. "I wish you could get her started; I need her for No. 4 tonight," replied the assist-ant master mechanic, No. 4 being the Den-ver limited, the crack train of the road. "If you can get a move on her I'll send you in a dinky until No. 1,761 is out in a day

burst into the rooms of the men they want, rcut them out of sleep (sometimes simulated) and then and there endeavor to pledge them to their respective "frats." This work of pledging is not done in a helter-skelter sort of way. Certain "frat" men are told off to seek out certain freshmen in dormitory, boarding house or home,

available material among the freshman

class. The condition is that it does not relieve this state of things an iota, but

prolongs it for weeks, since pledge day is usually placed from three to four months

from the opening of the term. Pledge day does do this, however, in many cases; it

keeps many a freshman from being swept

tention showered upon him and carried,

dazed and dizzy, among a body of young men that he will afterward find uncon-

genial in many respects. Pledge day gives him an opportunity to collect his scatter-

ed thoughts after the first desperate on-slaught of the rushers; to study more or less calmly the situation; to size up the different groups of students clamor-

ing about him, and to determine with which group he would be most congenial

as a brother in college and out of it, if given the opportunity.

thoughts, whatever they may be to him-self. If he should say anything deroga-

tory of a certain fraternity, naturally his

case would be settled in that quarter, and

f he should speak favorably of a certain

fraternity he would as surely cook his

goose, the fraternity in question dropping his because, for sooth, he was too anxious

to get in-was trying to break in, if you

How the Freshmen Are Pledged.

Of course, the wise freshman keeps his

and a few minutes before midnight find these messengers patiently waiting at their posts for the ushering in of pledge day. It not infrequently happens that three or four men, representing as many fraternities, will invade a freshman's room at the same time and put him in the rather awkward dilemma of sending all except one away sick at heart. to take advantage of the arrival of pledge

day to speak their curbed thoughts of weeks. Like the boys, the girls resort to all sorts of devices to extend their invitations the first moment they can do so in all honor. Last year, in order to be able to ask a popular freshman to become one of their number, the members of a well-known sorority appointed a senior to make a so-cial call on the young woman in question on the evening before pledge day, to stay there until after the clock finished striking midnight and then to make her little speech. The messenger, accompanied by an escort, industriously talked the long hours into the past and otherwise carried out her instructions to the end. Then the freshman, who had been longing for bed

since 10 o'clock, burst out;
"Why, the idea, to think I'd join a miserable old fraternity that would keep me up all night!" A few days later the rejected sorority

was further downcast to see the pin of their leading rival on the young woman's dress, the members of which, intuitively would not join any other sorority, had not considered it necessary to disturb her slumbers. Perhaps if they had, they, too, would have "missed" her.

End of Rushing-Anti-Climax.

In those colleges where pledge day does not exist rushing gradually dies out as the available freshmen, one after another, are pladged and initiated. As a general rule, it is at least a month before any one is pledged; it takes that long for each "frat" to decide on the "freshies" it really wants. After the initiations begin, another month or six weeks will probably pass before the rushing season ends of itself, the contest for the last freshman having been decided.

Pledging a freshman is truly the climax of the rushing process. The anti-climax speedily follows initiation when the feeds cease, the theater partles cease, there are no more dances, personal attentions of all sort stop in large measure-when the new "frat" brother is made to feel that, after all, he is merely an insignificant freshman and must take a freshman's place. It is a very hard descent; but there is this compensation: surrounding the new brother and ever ready to help and befriend him is a small band of fellow collegians, and as the proper perspective comes to him he in his heart that he has done a good thing

more trouble with No. 804, and she took No. 4 out last evening in the old-time man-"Just sore at this dinky run," explained Wetmore, and while Engineer Selfridge and the rest of the train crew wouldn't admit their belief in the theory, there is no other explanation of No. 804's queer conduct.

Municipal Gas Plant. From the Municipal Journal and Engineer.

The report on the operation of the Manchester, England, municipal gas works during the year 1904 shows a gross profit of \$734,350, out of which \$207,500 has been placed to sinking fund, under the provisions of the controlling acts of parliament. In addition, \$205,100 was paid for interest, leaving a net profit of \$321,750. Of this sum, \$292,000 has been paid over to the city fund, that is to say, in direct relief of taxation, and the balance has been applied to the cancellation of stock and minor additions to plant. This has been done contemporaneously

with a reduction in the price of gas to ordinary consumers from 60 cents cents per 1,000 cubic feet within the city and from 66 cents to 62 cents beyond the city, dating from June 24, 1904. A further reduction of 2 cents per 1,000 cubic feet dates from June 24, 1905.

The total number of consumers on March

31, 1905, was 152,165, an increase of 5,708 in the twelve months. The supply of these entailed the use of 858 miles of main, serving also the 17,361 public lamps within the city and 2,078 in outside areas. Of the total number of street lamps, 5,866, or 30 per cent, are fitted with incandescent burners. An interesting feature of these works is the large volume of gas supplied through slot meters, operated by the dropping in of 'penny" (2-cent) piece.

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The moment pledge day arrives no time Can Stand the Monotony.

is lost in extending the coveted invitations. The word moment is used advisedly, "Frat' men do not wait till the rising sun is paint-"Talk about the monotony of sheep herding the east to extend the invitations. As ing and track walking and sentry duty," soon as the clock strikes midnight they said a pipe line walker sitting at his camp fire near here last night, "it is nothing compared with the horrors of my job. The he hears noises, companionable sounds and of life. Occasionally he gets a chance to the railroad. The sheep herder has his dogs | mediaeval times. he is always on the move to some place or

ollege graduate, who came to Kansas for an intelligent effort was made to impro the outdoor life to build up his constitution, He is a pipe line walker for the Kansas Natural Gas Company out of this place, and he covers twenty-five miles a day. He starts at 6 o'clock in the morning and returns at 6 o'clock in the evening. "Oh, it was fun at first," he went on. "You know, in the east we do not have this succession of prairie and trees and creeks. That is, we do not have them in Well, I liked it. It was refreshing to get out in the morning and tramp away through the fresh air to the

end of the section. The smells of the morning were good. The birds seemed to take on a new note for me. I felt as if it was worth all of life to be out here walk-ing 'the dump.' Then I got to know every tree, to know every bird call, to know ev ery twist and curve of the route, to know every road crossing, to know every detail of the whole thing. I got tired of it. I Ireamed of it. I thought about the same old things for the same old hours every day for more than a month. I forgot who is President of the United States and what county New York city is in, and where the Declaration of Independence was signed. I forgot all about the Japanese war. all a blur of trees and land, of land and trees, of more trees and then more landjust always trees and land.

"If the pipe lines followed the raffroad or even the roads where we could see things it would be different. But all the lines around here go across country, we have to do is to look for leaks. have to keep our ears strained for a hissing sound. That is all we are hired to look for—just the leaks. Now, when you have only one thing to look for and listen tor and it does not occur every day the anticioatory nervousness breaks you down. Every time the trees rustle you think there is a leak ahead of you. Every time a cicada drones you think the pipe line has gone to smash. You start out in the morning with the fear of disaster and if a twig cracks under your feet you get the jumps. If a break would come along once in a while it would be easy. But the loneliness while it would be easy. But the folialities of it gets into your bones; worse than that, it gets into your mind. It stays on your mind. This perpetual period of introspection grows oppressive. Finally you begin pinching yourself to see if you are all there, Then you begin talking to yourself to see if you can hear. Well, I haven't got to the very last stage, but it looks like Osawat-omie to me. So me to New York and the chutes on Coney Island."

Pipe line walking is a new avocation in Kansas. The Standard Oil Company em ploys no pipe line walkers. But the natural gas companies hire several hundred young men to look out for the leaks. The Standard Oil Company uses a machine which resembles the machine which the cable companies have for ascertaining the breaks in its pipe line. But the gas companies cannot use any machine, hence the great expense for a patrol.

There are some 300 or 400 men patrolling the gas pipe lines in Kansas now, and as lines increase the patrol increases. Most of the patrolmen are high-class young fel lows who went into the work at first be cause it looked like a snap. The job pays from \$60 to \$90 a month.

The Blue Coat Boy.

From the London Chronicle. The blue coat boy, with his yellow stockings and no hat, is a constant source of wonder to the French observer. How came he by that costume, and why does he brave the elements with nothing on his curly head? A Paris journalist has unraveled the mystery. The plous founder of the celebrated school was deep in thought one day. He had elaborated the costumes of his scholars, beginning with the yellow stockings, and, working his way upward, he had devised the coat and the belt and was waiting for an inspiration concerning the headgear, which was to be as striking as the rest of the tollet, when he suddenly died. Out of respect for his memory his task remains exactly where he left it, and the blue coat boy has no hat. "How for-tunate," said the Parls journalist, "that the benefactor had time to choose the other

China a Nation.

From the Kobe Weekly Chronicle. The attitude of the United States to the immigration of Chinese and Japanese is an example of the selfishness of certain of the white races, who do not hesitate to

TASTE IN CURRENCY.

Is That of the Pipe Walker, and Few | Editorial Art Critic Finds Fault With New \$20 Note. From the Philadelphia Ledger

The United States has been unfortunate In its comage and currency. The mechanical execution of our coinage is all that need be desired, but our mint has never risen to the opportunity, which many governments track walker hears the trains go by and in all ages have improved, to make the coins of the nation works of art and things things which make him think he is a part of beauty. With all the frequent changes of design, we have not one coin that we officiate at a wreck, or to prevent a wreck | can feel proud to put heside the contemand get his name in the papers and a medal | porary coinage of European countries, not from the Humane Society and a bonus from | to mention the rich art of ancient or of

and his sheep for company, and, besides, The same artistic poverty afflicts our paper currency. The engraving is exquiother. Now a pipe line walker is the limit." site; the design is usually uninteresting The man who was doing the talking is a and often positively bad. Some years ago the character of the treasury notes, and competent artists actually were employed The work was new and unfamiliar, and though the notes were vastly superior to anything done before or since, there were some technical objections to the designs which furnished the officials with a pretext for discarding artistic advice and falling back on their own machine-made com-

Their latest offense is in the new twentydollar gold certificate, which is the more offensive because more pretentious than anything they have hitherto attempted. The certificate heretofore issued was such a thing as a job printer of restricted taste might have set up with type, but it had the merit of legibility. It simply certified, in plain letters, that "there have been deposited in the treasury of the United States twenty dollars in gold coin, repayable to the bearer on demand." There was a vignette of Garfield at one end and a big 20 at the other; and that was all. Nothing at the other; and that was all. more was required. If the effect was poor it was at least innocuous.

The new certificate has a heavy, dark scroll border in which appears nothing but the words "United States of America," the preceding words being too small to be read without glasses, with the 20 in each corner so nearly of the same value with the other ornamentation as to be hardly perceptible. Another 20 appears in bright yellow at the top, and "in gold coin," also in yellow, at the bottom, the remaining phraseology being changed to "payable to the bearer on demand"—not "repayable"—a change more curious than important. None of this is distinct. There is an exquisite little engraving from Stuart's Washington in center, but the blank space is smeared with an ugly yellow, and the back of the note is printed in a yellowish brown, with a "seal" n the center that suggests a brewer's sign, This note combines the two cardinal faults of ugliness and obscurity. It is overloaded with bad ornament that overwhelms the really beautiful execution of the central portrait, and the aggressive use of color is absolutely tasteless, while, worst of all, the note does not plainly express its purpose or its value. Fortunately, a twentydollar gold certificate is not intended for popular circulation, so that its debasing effect will probably be limited. But its general vulgarity is not less discreditable to the authority that issues it, and the credit of the United States demands that the execution of the national currency be taken

Groups of Three.

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From the London Chronicle A correspondent asks, in the current number of "Notes and Queries," a question which is of interest to newspaper readers namely: "Why are 'leaders' split up into three paragraphs?" When one begins to consider the question it is amazing how many instances occur to the mind of things that group themselves in trinities. It would almost seem to be the natural and universal rule. To mention a few: Head, trunk, limbs; roots, stem, branches; body, mind, soul; birth, life, death; husband, wife, child; king, lords, commons; "upper ten." middle classes, lower orders, the last of whom are subdivided into tag

rag and bobtail. Probably the common division of "leaders" is an imitation of the old custom of the pulpit. The old-fashioned divine, high in his three-decker, considered his subject under three heads; as when the famous of redundant pronouns, taking for user of redundant pronouns, taking for text. "The devil goeth about as a fosring lion," proposed to consider, "first, who the devil he is; secondly, why the devil he goeth about; and, thirdly, and lastly, what the devil is he roaring at." But the in-quirer in "Notes and Queries," if he examines the leading journals, will find that the rule to which he refers is not invariable, and that it is no uncommon thing for "leaders" to be split into two, or even

A King's Punctuality. From the London Golbe,

into four paragraphs.

All men agree in the abstract that "punctuality is the soul of business," but few act up to the maxim with the strictness of the King of the Belgians. Wherever or however he may travel, whether the visit be of business, pleasure or ceremony, he is